Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Rio Grande - Acequais

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Rio Grande - Acequais		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/stream bank erosion?	
9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for?	
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	
11. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will Irrigation Water Management (IWM) be implemented in the contract?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the contract be used to implement a conservation plan developed to the RMS level?	Yes O or No O

3. Does the applicant use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last 5 years?	Yes O or No O
4. Applicant has not had an EQIP contract within the last 5 years?	
5. Applicant has not cancelled an EQIP or any other USDA program contract within the last 4 years?	
6. Applicant has not cancelled an EQIP contract 2 years into the contract?	
7. Has applicant completed an EQIP contract within the last 2 years?	
8. Applicant does not have a current EQIP contract?	Yes O or No O
9. Does contract area include T&E species (animals or plants), and contract will address beneficial use to these species?	
10. Will contract practices increase irrigation efficiency by 5-10% using FIRS?	Yes O or No O
11. Will contract practices increase irrigation efficiency by 11-15% using FIRS?	Yes O or No O
12. Will contract practices increase irrigation efficiency by 16-20% using FIRS?	Yes O or No O
13. Will contract practices increase irrigation efficiency greater than 21% using FIRS?	Yes O or No O
14. Is contract application a 1-2 different type practice?	
15. Is contract application a 3-4 different type practices?	

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: